

Champion Ceramics



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Yoshiro Ikeda, artist and distinguished professor sits with his work. Ikeda recently won an award for teaching at K-State.

Yoshiro Ikeda: behind the pottery wheel

Tiffany Roney | COLLEGIAN

When Yoshiro Ikeda moved to Portland at the age of 13 to live with his strawberry-picking parents he spoke no English, and he had no idea he would become a prolific artist with more than 50 awards to his name.

Ikeda, a distinguished professor in art, has succeeded as a ceramist by participating in more than 400 exhibitions worldwide and as a teacher by leading more than 40 workshops in various countries.

Ikeda first majored in architecture, then had to take some art classes and found he really enjoyed creating art, but struggled with acceptance from his parents.

"When he changed his major to painting, his parents were devastated - they wanted him to become somebody that could make money," said Esther Ikeda, Yoshiro's wife. "Then, he changed it to ceramics, so they were devastated again."

He later got a job as a teacher, earning a little more acceptance from his parents, although it was hard for him to go against their will, she said.

Whether or not Ikeda's parents ever fully

understand the prestige of his ceramic successes, Yoshiro said he finds joy in his profession.

"You never know what you will create - it's exciting," he said. "When you touch the clay, you forget everything."

One part of his job he was less excited about was moving from Santa Barbara, Calif., to Manhattan, which he considered at the time to be the "middle of nowhere." In fact, he came to K-State as a last resort because it had the only ceramic professor job opening in the United States.

In addition to the struggles of moving to a place he saw as highly isolated, the actual moving process was unusually difficult.

"We drove all the way here with two kids and no air conditioner, and the temperature was 105 all the way," said Esther with a laugh. "We almost died, it was a tough trip."

At K-State, Yoshiro has formed strong bonds with his students. These long-term connections have resulted in former students staying in touch by phone and even visiting him at art conferences.

Dylan Beck, assistant professor in art, has worked with Yoshiro for almost three years and said it is obvious Yoshiro builds

more than pots with his students. He also builds relationships.

"He creates his artwork in the studio alongside the students, and I think they really enjoy that kind of interaction, because it shows he has a level of respect for them," Beck said. "He's not too good to work in the same space."

Caitlin Wetherilt, junior in fine arts, said this bonding process is punctuated by Yoshiro's witty personality, which is often unexpected because he is so quiet most of the time.

"Dr. Ikeda is a very interesting person," Wetherilt said with a laugh. "One day, he was telling us that to get jobs in ceramics, we would have to teach, and this one girl was like, 'But what if I don't want to teach?'

"And he said, 'Then you need to find a rich husband!'" We all laughed, because that's not what we expected him to say."

When asked if there was anything else he would like to share about himself, Yoshiro said. "The students don't have to know anything about me. The only thing they should know is art - I always think students should be dedicated to the arts."

SGA

Senate hears Flint Hills Project, reviews Fourum

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

Bob Workman, director of the planned Flint Hills Discovery Center, gave a presentation on the project at Thursday night's Student Senate meeting. The center will be located within Manhattan and will focus on familiarizing people of all ages with the Flint Hills region.

The project has been in the works for four years, Workman said, although he was only recently appointed to his position. He said the project will rely on partnerships and collaborations, including K-State.

The building, which is in the planning process, will have 35,000 square feet of exhibits, an immersion theater and research opportunities to the general public as well as K-State students. It will complement one of only 34 long-term biological stations in the world, the Konza Prairie Biological Station, said Workman.

"We have a tremendous scientific resource at our back door, literally in Manhattan," Workman said. "The discovery center will offer areas of study in geology, biology, and cultural history with an emphasis on stewardship and long-term care for the environment."

It will be built with sustainability in mind, featuring green roofs,

geothermal energy management, and LED lighting, he said. A great amount of the building's space will be housed underground where an underground forest will offer visitors a look at the biological aspects of the Flint Hills.

"We want kids to be able to have fun and to create a place that families will enjoy going to," Workman said. "We're also hoping to become a resource for K-State."

Groundbreaking on the building is scheduled for the summer of this year with the building completion at the end of 2011.

"It will be a positive catalyst for tourism throughout the Flint Hills region," he said. "A jewel in the crown for the Flint Hills experience."

Also at the meeting, an ad hoc board was approved to review the constitutionality of Bills 09/10/52 and 09/10/53. These bills were passed in an effort to reform the SGA elections process after progress made last semester was ruled unconstitutional by the Student Tribunal.

Senator George Weston, graduate student in sociology, original petitioner last semester, submitted a petition requesting a constitutional interpretation of the new bills.

"Because the tribunal had already heard the original two bills,

they have prior knowledge of the case," said Attorney General Adam Tank, senior in microbiology. "I made the choice to appoint an ad hoc board."

The board will be chaired by Scott Jones, former judicial adviser and two students who have prior judicial experience on Interfraternity Council judicial board.

During an open period at the meeting, Steve Wolgast, associate director of Student Publications and adviser to the Collegian and Corene Brisendine, editor-in-chief of the Collegian, spoke about the removal of the Fourum from the K-State Collegian. Senate reviewed a resolution to formally request the return of the Fourum.

In the bill, the Public Relations Committee cited a decline in readership and decrease in advertising revenue as reasons to bring the Fourum back. Wolgast, however, refuted those points.

"We had advertisers stop advertising because of the Fourum," Wolgast said. "We make more money now than when we were running the Fourum."

He also said readership is at its highest in recent years with 3,000 to 8,000 daily hits on the Collegian Web site along with 10,000 print editions.

"Our goal is excellent journal-

ism," he said. "The Fourum is not excellent journalism. Anonymous sources lower the standards of a publication."

Brisendine said the Fourum was removed in order to increase the amount of student voice in the paper. With anonymous people in the Fourum, it was unverifiable whether the comment was from an actual student.

In place of the Fourum, she said editors of the Collegian collaborated on ideas to incorporate more student voice. One of the ways that this has been done this semester has been by more columnists in the Edge section of the Collegian.

"The efforts that editors have taken not only give more voices to students, but bring in more groups that have been stereotyped and marginalized," Brisendine said.

Students who still wish to leave comments in the paper may submit comments of 15 words or less which will be placed in a shout-out section within the classified ads. That option has been around since the 1960s, she said, but had faded out. The only difference is that the system is not anonymous and requires students to submit their names to be held accountable.

The resolution was referred back to the Public Relations Committee.

Obama portrayed in books

Hannah Loftus | COLLEGIAN

The president's influence on the country is evident. However, besides legislation and international policy President Barack Obama is also affecting another area - children's books.

Philip Nel, professor in English and director of K-State's program in Children's Literature, presented the idea in a lecture titled "Obamafiction." Books carry hope for youth and create a hero for children in the U.S.

Nel said children's books were inspired by Obama's political breakthroughs, created to encourage reader identification with him and to provide support for him.

"To write this piece, I pursued four main areas of inquiry," Nel said. "I read some of the 57 children's books about Obama - all of the picture books and comic books, plus a few of the others. I also did some work to situate my argument within the fields of children's literature in general, and African-American children's literature in particular."

Children's literature is the most important literature because people read it before their ideas about the world are fully formed, Nel said.

"These are the books we read while we're deciding what we believe and who we want to become," he added. "For these reasons and others, children's literature is inherently political."

Literature reinforces children's ideas about how the world is or how it should be, he said, whether it is challenging or supporting the status quo.

Rachelle Doan, masters student in children's literature, said she thinks Nel did particularly good job of highlighting the Obama phenomenon in children's literature.

"It pointed out the fact that whether his presidency goes well or not, he is already being portrayed as a hero like we did Lincoln and Washington," she said.

Doan said that Nel did a very good job of discussing both the pros and the cons for how Obama is being portrayed in these books.

"To examine how these Obama biographies attempt to fit this U.S. president into dominant national myths, this paper focuses primarily on visual representations, picture books and comic books," Nel said.

Nel emphasized two pre-election picture books from 2008: Nikki Grimes and Bryan Collier's "Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope," and Jonah Winter and A.G. Ford's "Barack."

He chose these books to be his focus because they were the first picture books published and are the most popular children's books about Obama. They are also backed up by major publishing houses, he said.

Supply and demand for these kinds of books plays a role, Nel said. The U.S. tends to idealize the president as a hero and a role model, blurring the line between actuality and what people want. Surprisingly, few of these books were created for former president George W. Bush, he said.

"The idea that America has resolved its racial troubles and that you can be anything you want to be if you just try hard enough was the recurring theme for most of the books," Nel said. "Literature has a powerful influence on young minds."

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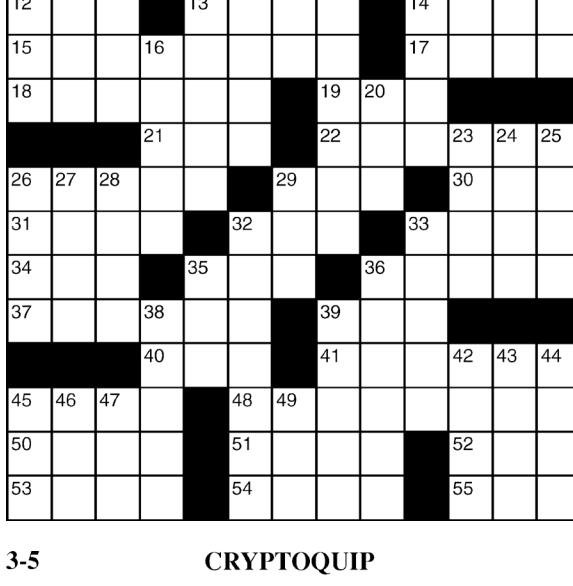
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THE PLANNER CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Rec Services' personal trainers and nutrition consultants are offering Kat Cravings, a 5-week program involving both nutrition and fitness. The cost for students is \$50 and for Rec members is \$75. This program is limited to 40 participants and begins March 21. For more information, call the office at 785-532-6980.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday in Holtz Hall. Contact k-state.edu/ces for more information.

March is National Nutrition Month. Purchase a nutritional analysis at the Rec Complex during the month of March for half price. Student price is \$7.50 and the fee is \$10 for Rec members. Sign up in the administrative office at the Rec Complex. Call 785-532-6980 for more information.

Powercat Financial Counseling hosts Walk-in Financial Friday from 9-11 a.m. in the Office of Student Activities and Services, ground floor of the Union. No appointment necessary. Come in and ask peer financial counselors your quick money questions every Friday morning until April 30.

Nominations are being accepted for the Anderson Senior Awards, the Multicultural Leadership and Service Awards and the Graduate Student Awards. Anyone is free to nominate deserving students who will be graduating in May, August or December 2010. Forms are available at k-state.edu/awards and are due by 5 p.m. March 12.

Information Technology Assistance Center will be presenting the following orientations. The events are open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration required.

-IT Orientation: Library Technology will be held from 10-11

a.m. today in Hale Library room 401B.
-IT Orientation: Emerging Technologies will be held from 10-11 a.m. March 10 in Hale Library room 401B.

Entries accepted for intramural dodgeball through today in the office at the Rec Complex. Sign up a four-person team with up to 10 individuals on the roster. Cost is \$1 per person plus tax. Competition will be tournament format held at 10 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The TechBytes series is offering the following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. -today - Twitter Tools
-March 11 - Zimbra Calendar
-March 25 - Google Wave

Information Technology Teaching and Learning will offer the following sessions:

March 25 - A Sense of Where We Are: Geographic Information Science and Systems
April 22 - Show ME, Don't Tell ME.

All events are from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Union 212. Events are open to all faculty, staff and students.

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DAILY BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

WEDNESDAY

Alexander James Clay Copeland, St. George, Kan., was arrested at 10 a.m. for two counts of burglary. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Edward John Williams, Leonardville, Kan., was arrested at 10:16 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$500.

Michael James Young, Emporia, Kan.,

was arrested at 12:07 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$178.

Gregory Bernard Walker, 507 Colorado St., was arrested at 1:50 p.m. for unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$500.

Lasheen Eola Cooki Washington, homeless, was arrested at 3:46 p.m. for failure to appear. No bond was set.

Megan Antoinette Rodriguez, 714

Lee St., was arrested at 9:20 p.m. for unlawful possession of depressants and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Carl Edward Boyer, Ogden, Kan., was arrested at 10:30 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$235.

Shane Alan Amaro, 3000 Tuttle Creek Blvd., was arrested at 11 p.m. for two counts of battery, endangering a child

and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$3,250.

THURSDAY

Aaron Robert Smith, 501 N 17th St., was arrested at 12:55 a.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$750.

Sara Frances Sivakumar, 1514 College Ave., was arrested at 2:20 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

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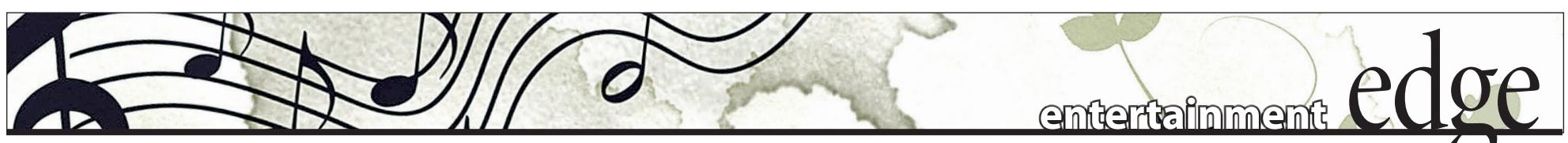
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Professor Pogge is Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University and Research Director in the Center for the Study of Mind in Nature at the University of Oslo. He has given talks on global justice issues in around 40 countries and is currently also working with Incentives for Global Health, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing market-based, systemic solutions to health challenges faced by the world's poor. IGH aims to increase access to medicines by altering the incentives for innovation in the health sector.

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Flamenco Baile



COURTESY PHOTO

The world renowned dance company Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana will bring their spirit and traditional flavor to McCain tonight.

Spanish dance group to perform tonight in McCain

Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN

The Hispanic world has always been known for its rich culture, and this includes their culture of music and dance. Tonight, students and the Manhattan community will have the opportunity to experience it through one of the top Spanish dance companies in McCain Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana, the Flamenco and Spanish dance company based in New York and North Carolina, are scheduled to perform tonight as part of the McCain Perfor-

mance Series.

The company, founded by Carlota Santana and Roberto Lorca, was created in order to bring the historical dance to more widespread audiences. It was founded in New York in 1983, and a second location was opened in North Carolina in 1996. The company has performed in top venues all around the world.

As well as holding two tours each year, the studio is also responsible for giving lectures, demonstrations and providing art education to children.

Todd Holmberg, executive director

of McCain Auditorium, said they are expecting an incredible turnout for a dance performance, and the group will help bring the diversity to the series they always strive for.

"They are bringing an art you don't see in Kansas," he said.

The Flamenco, known for the movement of the hips, is a dance that has been around for centuries, and is an important part of the Spanish culture.

Tickets for tonight's show can be purchased at the McCain Box Office starting at \$13 for students and \$26 for the public.

Cheap alternatives to new furniture offered

Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN

It's getting to be that time of year. "For lease" signs are popping up all over town, and students are beginning to make decisions about next year's living arrangements. Tonight, students and the Manhattan community will have the opportunity to experience it through one of the top Spanish dance companies in McCain Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

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Another family-owned store, Second Thyme Around at 1312 Pillsbury Dr., gets a great deal of business at the beginning and end of semesters.

"We try to buy low and sell low," said Ben Quinton, manager of Second Thyme Around. "We keep reasonable prices, usually around what we get it for."

The shop had a range of prices anywhere from \$1 drinking glasses, a \$24 armoire and \$70 for a full-sized couch.

Quinton also said it is beneficial to have another thrift store right next door, allowing for people to go from one store to the other in order to find what they are looking for. The Grand Ol' Trunk Thrift Shop, at 1304 Pillsbury Dr., sees much of their business from students as well. Owner Melody Boltz said students are in every day either looking for or selling items from their homes.

"Furniture tends to go around and around," she said.

Items ranged everywhere from used clothing, small knick-knacks, old computers, luggage and furniture. Some prices included a large computer desk for \$50 and coffee mugs for 50 cents each.

While thrift stores provide people the opportunity to find good items at decent prices, other students take matters into their own hands.

"Sometimes we pass furniture down through the family, but we actually went dumpster diving," said Brian Stinson, senior in computer science.

Stinson, who lives in a house off-campus, said he and his roommates found some old milk crates and used them to build bookshelves.

While students have furniture that is passed down through the family, found in a dumpster or bought from a local thrift store, Manhattan provides several opportunities for students to fill their living rooms without emptying their wallets.

Sawyer said they get plenty of students around the beginning of the year, and they will oftentimes buy just about anything.

"We sell some of the ugliest couches to students," she said.

And with the inevitable fact that students are constantly moving in and out of the area, needing to furnish new places, there are several other used-furniture stores that benefit as well.

Movie's infectious plot not so contagious



"The Crazies"

★★★★★

Movie review by Aaron Weiser

Opening in theaters this past weekend was director Breck Eisner's new film "The Crazies." A terrorizing story about death and destruction across the state of Iowa, Eisner's new movie encompasses a genre of infection horror made quite popular in the past 15 years.

As the Sheriff of Ogden Marsh, David Dutton (Timothy Olyphant) has to shoot a local drunk at a baseball game after the man pulls a shotgun to David's face.

Bewildered and mortified, David and his deputy set out on a mission to figure out what in the world is going on in Ogden Marsh.

Fear spreads and so does the mysterious ailment plaguing the citizens of the small country locale. As the story unfolds, the government tries to cover up its fatal error, but the townspeople prove to be just too much for the military to handle.

The story follows as David and his wife Judy (Radha Mitchell) try to escape from Ogden Marsh and get back to the local filling sta-

tion where people were being shipped out. Over 20 miles on foot, through infected farmland and government controlled highways, the journey almost seems like it will never end. But upon finally reaching their destination, the result is not what they expected.

"The Crazies" is like a strange combination of "28 Days Later" and "The Simpsons Movie," thrown together. A story of infection and ridiculous government cover-up, "The Crazies" will keep you fairly intrigued throughout its entire story. With only a few areas of lag, the plot thickens a half-dozen times and proves to be quite exciting.

There is plenty of gore, for you blood-lovers. Almost a zombie-style movie, I was surprised at the portrayal of the seemingly lifeless townsfolk after being exposed to the ever-growing, crazy population. The movie not only catches you off guard with its elementary horror-like mini-climax, but it also surprises you in the amount of pure violence it exudes. From guns to flamethrowers and mass murder to pitchforks, anything in this movie is fair game.

Aaron Weiser is a senior in elementary education. Send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu.

"The Informant!" offers dark, complex humor

"The Informant!"

★★★★★

Movie review by Patrick Bales

If you're going to the video rental store, and you're browsing for a comedy that's simple, light and conventional, do not rent "The Informant!" In fact, I want you to completely disregard my rating, and stop reading my review. Everything I say will be of no help to you. I'm telling you this because if you keep reading, and the review makes you want to see it, you will most likely rent the movie, hate it and then complain about how the guy in the Collegian is such an awful critic. So, simple and conventional comedy lovers, stop reading. I hopefully have a movie I can recommend to you in the upcoming weeks.

Now the only people reading this should be the ones who like their comedies complex, dark and unconventional. OK, good. Let's get started.

"The Informant!" sets out to tell the true story of Mark Whitacre (he's played wonderfully here by Matt Damon), a bio-chemist and top executive at a lysine development company called ADM. After the FBI visits his company on an extortion investigation, Whitacre decides to become an informant.

During a discussion with Special Agent Brian Shepard, Whitacre divulges that his company is involved in an elaborate price fixing scheme. What we soon learn, however, is that Whitacre is not some "golden boy" with good intentions. He has a scheme of his own, and he has to keep the story going, otherwise his life will come crashing down to a screeching halt.

Director Steven Soderbergh could have easily taken this story and turned it into a mildly thrilling drama like "The Insider." But what he does, instead, is far more appropriate in this situation. He takes the story of Mark Whitacre and turns it into a satire. Time and time again, "The Informant!" satirically criticizes our society's tendency to trust anyone who offers a compelling testimony. Whitacre tells his story to lawyers, journalists and FBI agents, and even though he has very little evidence to support his claims, they all end up believing him, because he knows how to talk. It makes you wonder about the testimonies coming out today, and whether their stories of injustice are just overly dramatized stories from a persuasive schemer.

But more importantly, "The Informant!" is insanely funny. The funniest parts involve Whitacre's thoughts as he commits these shady acts of extortion. Instead of worrying about getting caught, or feeling guilty about what he's doing, he thinks about polar bears and how they know to cover their noses to camouflage themselves from potential prey. Some might confuse this as random humor, but it really has a specific purpose. It lets us see that Mark Whitacre is, in fact, oblivious of getting caught. He assumes he is safe and sound even though we know as the audience that the chances of him getting out of this a better man are slim to none. Dark humor seems to come from these situations, where you laugh at the character's impending misfortune. "The Informant!" has this in spades.

The music in this film also puts us in the mind of Mark Whitacre. It's almost overly cheerful in a 1950s "Leave it to Beaver" sense. But that's exactly the kind of mood Mark Whitacre always finds himself in. Many times in film, music is played to set a mood, but it does more than that here. It actually gives us a better understanding of Mark Whitacre's attitude and mind-set.

Overall, this is one sharply written satire. I thought some of the events could have been conveyed a little more clearly, but other than that, I highly recommend this film to people who fit into its target audience. Matt Damon gives a fantastic performance, and I'm perplexed why the Academy chose to nominate his performance in "Invictus" over this. He gives one of his best performances since he played that slimy rat in "The Departed."

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Higher Hypocrisy

Party line views contradictory, illogical



Beth Mendenhall

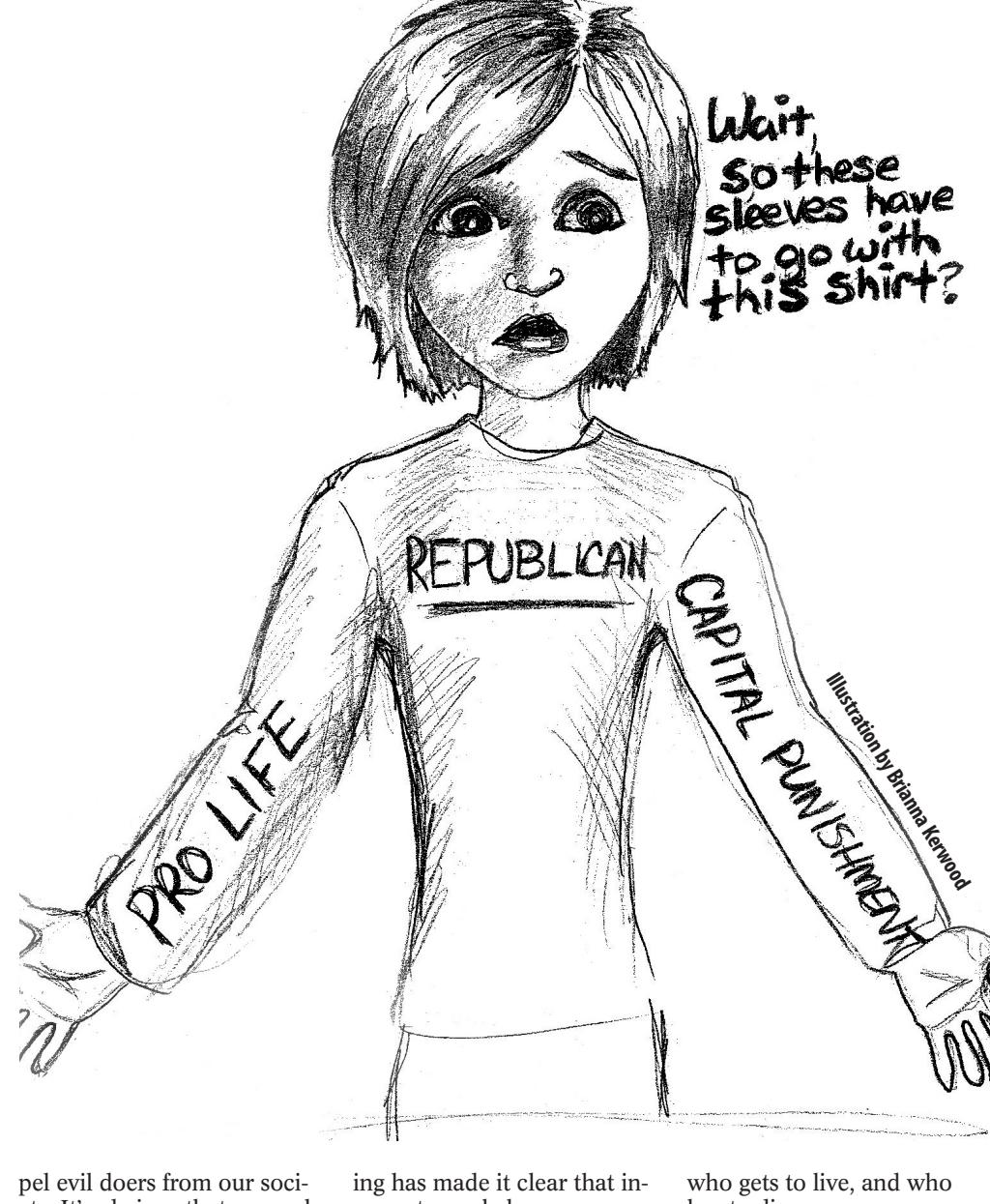
U.S. politics is experiencing a crisis of consistency. Rather than divining their principles before determining the associated policy preferences, political parties are falling prey to the fallacy of picking policy preferences first and a political philosophy second.

Doing so inevitably leads to a mismatch, where no single philosophical stance can explain each policy choice. This inconsistency is a serious flaw, because a political philosophy is supposed to tell us how the world works and the best way to act in it, in any given circumstance. If we hold two incompatible beliefs, one must be inaccurate or not preferable in terms of our beliefs about the world. The alternative is nothing short of arbitrary decision-making.

I'm not under the delusion that only one party espouses incompatible political preferences, but it's one in particular that irks me. The anti-abortion policy preference is fundamentally incompatible with the pro-capital punishment view many conservatives subscribe to.

Some caveats: while it is possible to hold these two views consistently, the standard justifications provided for each are incompatible. All I ask is that those conservatives who do hold both views re-examine the basis of their choices and re-evaluate the validity of their conclusions. As a former Catholic who attended anti-abortion classes, rallies and demonstrations for 12 years, I am at least familiar with both the anti-abortion and pro-capital punishment positions.

Most anti-abortionists believe that no human being should have the right to decide whether another human being (or a fetus) gets to live or die. They think life is a gift from God and that killing an innocent human being is an act of murder. In contrast, capital punishment is viewed as a legitimate and necessary function of the state and a convenient means to ex-



pel evil doers from our society. It's obvious that one policy supports life while the other denies it and resolving the glue that holds these positions in strong correlation will only require a consideration of the innocent/guilty distinction.

Most anti-abortion, pro-capital punishment advocates posit that the fundamental difference lies in the difference between a criminal's knowing forfeiture of their right to life and a fetus's limitless potential for both good and bad. Upon closer examination, this distinction breaks down. Most glaring is the persistent assertion of original sin by many anti-abortion Christians. If we are all born with original sin and only accepting a particular religion can forgive that sin, it seems that a baptized convict ought to be considered more pure than a fetus with original sin.

In addition, DNA test-

ing has made it clear that innocent people have, are, and will be subject to capital punishment. Also, sometimes knowing someone will be a bad parent is equated with knowing their fetus will turn out to be a bad human being. Some convicts have the potential for full and genuine rehabilitation. In short - it's not so obvious that, by empirical and theological standards, the victims of abortion are substantially different in kind from the victims of capital punishment.

Considering the issue on a deeper level, it's clear that both policies are about the legitimate degree of state control or intervention. For the anti-abortionist, the state is perfectly licensed to regulate our decisions about life and death, whether it be anti-abortion law or prohibitions on murder. For the pro-capital punishment individual, the state ought to go even farther and actually decide

who gets to live, and who has to die.

The inconsistency lies in the lack of real distinction between citizens and the state. As a community, we may choose to revoke our right to decide life and death issues via abortion, but assert our collective right to kill criminals. Conservatives have to decide: either the state, as our representative, is the arbiter of life and death, or it's not and neither are we.

The inconsistencies between the anti-abortion and pro-capital punishment positions are only a single example of a larger problem. Lacking a coherent political philosophy from which to glean and guide our policy preferences will only result in counterproductive, counterintuitive and ineffective policies.

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Shatzer case overlooked by public



Joshua Madden

Ladies and gentlemen, today I would like to talk to you about Maryland v. Shatzer. I almost didn't write this article, but my hand was forced.

Who forced me to write this article, you ask? Nancy Pelosi. How did she force me to write this article? She complained, yet again, about Citizens United v. FEC.

You may remember it as the Supreme Court case that absolutely no one ever talked about. It had something to do with campaign finance laws. Exactly what it did depends on your political beliefs, evidently. If you're on the right, it saved democracy and such. If you're on the left, it handed America's electoral process and handed it to corporations on a silver platter.

As Major Dieter Hellstrom says in the best movie of the year, Quentin Tarantino's "Inglourious Basterds," I must say I grow quite weary of these monkeyshines. While everyone else and their dog has been busy with a case about campaign finance reform - who knew it was such an exciting topic? - the decision in Maryland v. Shatzer was handed down from the ivory tower of the Supreme Court with little to no fanfare.

Maryland v. Shatzer is an interesting case about the limits on a suspect's Miranda rights, your right to hear your rights when you're getting arrested. To put it in college terms, the next time you do a few too many keg stands and get in a fight with that guy who was totally looking at your girlfriend the wrong way all night, those words the police officer says to you as he throws you in the back of the squad car? Those are your Miranda rights.

Maryland v. Shatzer basically said if you decide to see a lawyer before you talk to police officers, you have two weeks to get everything together before they can question you again. On top of that, it doesn't matter whether you're in prison that whole time or not. In Shatzer's case, he was in prison for one crime and they were interviewing him for another. His claim was that because he was in prison the whole time, he didn't have much choice on whether or not to have a lawyer present. Mr. Shatzer's lawyers argued there was an implied "go along with this or else" - mentality.

What a silly, silly claim. Come on, Mr. Shatzer, everyone knows we make better decisions in prison, where everyone roams free and eats ice cream all day and does whatever they want. That's why all of our members of Congress are kept in prison and the Supreme Court justices are kept in prison too.

While this logic is obviously flawed and everyone knows that prisoners aren't exactly free to do as they please, the Supreme Court ruled that the fact that Shatzer was in prison wasn't important. This meant that Shatzer's testimony was in no way forced and therefore valid for use in court. As for the fact that 14 days is as long as your initial protection goes, well, the majority on the court just pulled that number out of a hat.

I'm guessing the ruling wasn't Shatzer's happiest moment, and while it certainly affected him, the rest of us sadly ignored the case because we were too busy commenting on a seriously intense head shake-off between President Obama and Justice Alito. The fact of the matter is, this ruling is a step backward in terms of the protections that suspects in criminal cases have and needs to be addressed.

I'm not going to say that the Supreme Court's ruling is right or wrong. Some people are saying that from a judicial standpoint, the ruling is perfectly legitimate. I dropped out of my Latin class last semester, so I'm hardly the person who should whine about complex legal procedures. What I will say is, this case shows that legislators really need to be clearer about what protections suspects have. The Supreme Court should not have to randomly decide how many days you get to initially spend with your lawyer. That's not their job, that's the job of legislators. And this is one case where we really need for them to do their job.

Either that or they can argue about health care for a few more months and then go on vacation again. Either way, ladies and gentlemen, either way.

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America needs to re-align moral compass



This week, the news outlets carried a seemingly frightening and alarming story regarding an atheist campaign taking place at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

The campaign, "Smut for Smut," encourages college students to trade in their holy texts (Bibles, Qurans, Book of Mormon, etc) for pornography. Perhaps you saw this and just thought it was some college kids looking to get a rise or gain some attention. Or perhaps you were like me and were considerably alarmed and offended.

Either way, actions taken by the group Atheist Agenda in their Smut for Smut campaign is deliberately and blatantly offensive to various religious groups and people.

I understand that we live in a nation that guarantees us the freedom of speech and religion. But I think there is a distinct line between freedom and respect. Just because a person has the freedom and ability to distribute

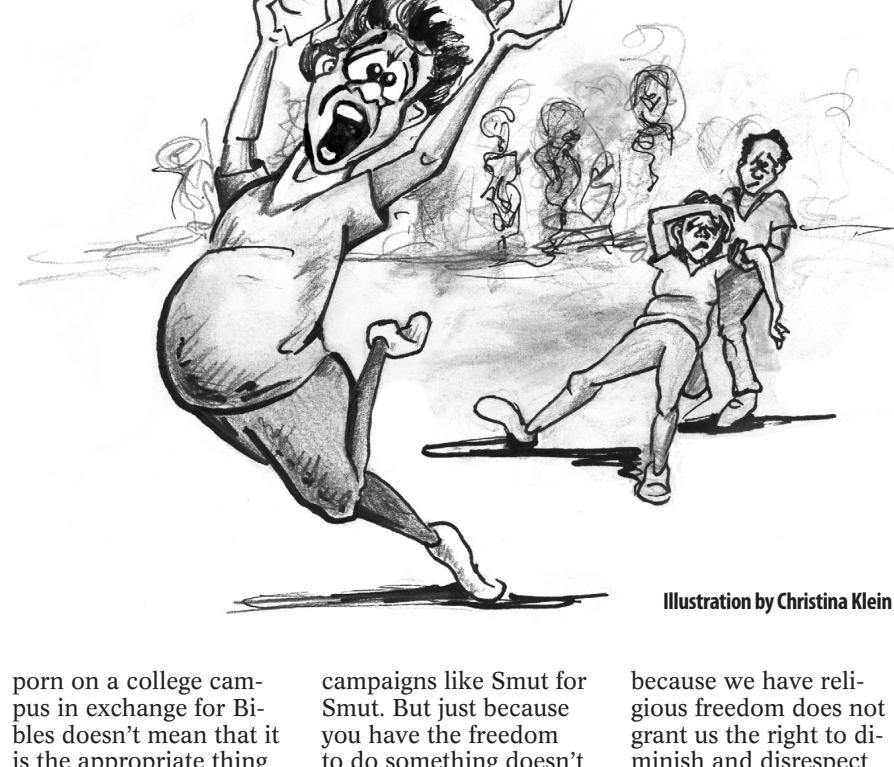


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porn on a college campus in exchange for Bibles doesn't mean that it is the appropriate thing to do. Nor does it mean that they can disrespect people's religion or faith by making it comparable to "Playboy."

I think we've gone off on a liberal tangent in the U.S. in the past 30 years in which we seemingly see the need to test the Constitutional waters with our actions. It started with the flag burning in the late 80s and continues on today with

campaigns like Smut for Smut. But just because you have the freedom to do something doesn't mean you should.

In the U.S., we have the freedom to operate a motor vehicle with a certain blood alcohol level, but that doesn't mean that it is a wise choice to make. We also have the ability to drive the speed limit on the highway, but certain conditions would suggest that we drive slower in order to be safe.

My point is this: just

because we have religious freedom does not grant us the right to diminish and disrespect other religions because we find them flawed. The Smut for Smut campaign not only crossed the line between religious freedom and respect, but it completely diminished it. If a person truly wishes to convert another to their school of thought, it is best done by actions and character, not by abrasive and offensive messages and campaigns. It is certainly not done

be passing out "Hustler" magazine to college kids.

We need to rethink our moral stand point as citizens. Yes, we do have the freedom to worship as we please. Freedom of religion is why the United States exists in the first place. But we need to have character and integrity in the way we conduct ourselves on a daily basis in our faith.

We cannot run around attacking people for their religious beliefs. This makes us no better than the terrorists who crashed jetliners into the Twin Towers on 9/11.

All I ask is that you kindly respect the religious beliefs that others hold to be true. I am not asking you to agree with them, nor am I asking you to convert to them. But just because a person believes that there is or isn't a God or that Creationism or Darwinism is factually correct does not open the door to a bombardment of obscenities and ridicule.

In the United States, we are all entitled to our own beliefs and thoughts without the threat of punishment. Let's keep it that way.

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Once in a Lifetime

Childhood friends to marry in July after long distance relationship

Kelsey Castanon | COLLEGIAN

We all dream of happily ever after. For some, it's hundreds of miles within reach. For the lucky ones, it's right in front of their faces. As for Maggie Winter, graduate student in counseling and development, and Zach Chapman, senior in biology, their love story began years before they even realized it.

It's true to say their first Fourth of July together created more than just fireworks for 8-year-olds Zach and Maggie. Their parents were family friends and each July they took trips together to Lake Powell in Utah. Though their annual run-ins ignited only the slightest of crushes, the memory of one another never left them once they returned home. Zach lived in Denver, CO., 500 miles from Maggie, who lived in Manhattan. The idea of love at a distance was far from ideal, but no one could have predicted the perseverance that love can create between two people.

"The dream of being together never entered our minds longer than a few minutes, seeing how our lives only crossed but once a year on family vacations," Winter said. "On those trips the love was different; it was young, emotional and made us into friends, which I believe all part of God's unknown plan."

Common interests in the outdoors and the young friendship they shared kept them close. They had dealt with distance from each other ever since they first met, but after 10 years of routine glimpses into one another's

lives at the lake and multiple love notes later, Zach and Maggie decided to make it official. Six years later, they both happily reside in Manhattan and consider every bump in the road worth it.

It was a Sunday morning that decided the fate of their future. On Feb. 28, Zach and Maggie took a trip with the Chapman family down to Red Rocks, Colo., the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The area was unknown to Maggie, and Zach offered to show her the scenery. Little did she know she would soon be asked the question she has been waiting for since she was just a little girl.

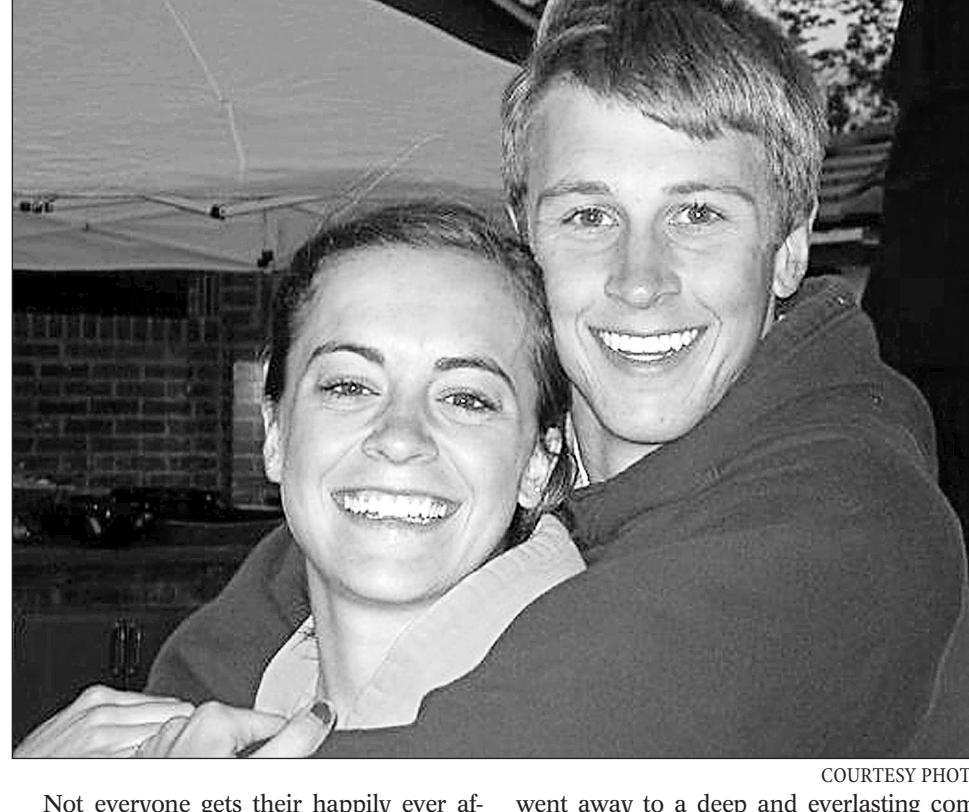
"There is really pretty scenery at Red Rocks," Chapman said. "She had never been there before, so while we were looking at all the cool scenery I asked a lady if she would take a picture of us."

As the woman began to take a picture, or as Chapman recalls, quite a few pictures, he got down on one knee and held out a box with a beautiful diamond ring.

"I remember feeling so happy," Winter said recalling what was going through her mind at that very moment. "I cried for what seemed like a long time until the women taking the picture mentioned that I hadn't said 'yes!' I made him stand up and I said 'yes, yes, yes!'"

With only a half a semester until they are both out of college, Zach knew the timing was right.

"I couldn't ask for a better woman to be by my side the rest of my life," he said.



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Not everyone gets their happily ever after. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. For Zach and Maggie, they've found their fairytales. And it started when they were just 8 years old.

"This love grew from a crush that never

went away to a deep and everlasting commitment to each other that has taught us God has a plan for each of us, as well as, one for our future together," Maggie said.

Zach and Maggie plan to tie the knot on July 16, 2011.

COLLEGE MOM

Social attitudes should change with the times



"I wonder how much damage you did to that baby by probably binge drinking and smoking cigs at a Halloween party a week before you found out. And I wonder which lucky frat guy(s?) got to sweat it out."

I chose to ignore this comment on my first column, but after learning about some comments that our online editor removed because they go against our policy for comments (it's called libel), I'm using this week to stick up for myself and make the point that it's 2010, and times are changing.

For every person out there who wrote that I am unfit to be a mother, too young or too immature, or those people who might think less of myself and others in the same situation, I want to you know these things:

1) Emaline's father – my fiance – has never been and never will be in a fraternity.

2) I don't smoke or binge drink.

3) Even if I had during my pregnancy, I just want to let you know that Emaline has always been ahead of the game. The day she was born, she broke the Shawnee Mission Medical Center hospital record for the fastest completion of the newborn hearing screening, and passed the average by seven and a half minutes, meaning her neural connections are faster than normal. She will eventually be the kid that gets things before everyone else.

4) In high school, I was one of two recipients of the Kansas State High School Activities Association's Citizenship Award for my high school. I have been labeled academically gifted since third grade and traveled the nation speaking to other students about civic engagement.

5) Unlike Jenelle on MTV's

"Teen Mom," I don't expect to go out and party whenever I want while someone else cares for my child. I don't even let my mom get up with her when I'm back home in Kansas City because Emaline is my responsibility and that will never change.

The irresponsible thing to do would have been to cling to a care-free, party hardy college life (which I never really had), get an abortion and pretend like nothing ever happened.

I don't pass off my lifestyle by trying to stick a car seat into the back of a Honda Civic. I drive a mini-van for crying out loud, and every other woman I know who has made the choice to be an unwed mother after an unplanned pregnancy, despite some of society's criticism, has made the same changes.

Feel free to write judgments against me and the other girls who are strong enough to live their lives in the face of stereotypes. I'll be happy to leave those comments up. But only judge me if you've never had sex without marriage.

Only judge me if you got pregnant with your boyfriend at 19 thanks to a faulty condom, never once questioned what you were going to do with the baby, and stayed in school so you could get a degree to continue on to grad school in order to provide for your family.

I cry every time I watch "16 and Pregnant" or "Teen Mom" because I realize that those girls are even less equipped to handle having a baby than me. I realize that they are going to need to choose to miss out on a lot of their youth.

Life happened and I took responsibility for my actions. If you're going to go out of your way to tell me how bad of a person I am because of it, by all means do so, but realize that times have changed and it's time to open our minds and hearts to everyone, no matter the twists and turns their lives have taken.

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Cake decorators range in style, products

Aubree Casper | COLLEGIAN

With many options breaking the traditional molds of a wedding cake, couples can spend hours pouring over designs, serving sizes, cake toppers and extras to make each cake as unique and symbolic as possible.

While TheKnot.com recommends taking advantage of free initial consultations and trying out several cakes and talking to a few different decorators (you wouldn't buy the first wedding dress you try on in most cases, either), the difference between larger chain stores' bakeries and local cake designers can mean a difference in choices and decisions.

Mindy Wilson, owner and cake designer at Blue Sky Cake Designs in Manhattan, said she sees some similar concepts in what her clients are looking for, such as the traditional multi-tier cakes and the use of monograms and fresh flowers as cake toppers, but one advantage to a small local designer is the ability to help design a unique, non-cookies cutter cake.

"Couples can really put a signature on their own cake [by going through a local cake decorator]," said Wilson.

Wilson, a K-State graduate, said she offers many options that cater to each couple's needs, and while she might do things a little differently than larger bakeries, it's to the couples' advantage.

From having the option to work within any budget by implementing styrofoam tiers camouflaged under the frosting and decor of the rest of the cake and adding a sheet cake or cupcakes to cut cost, to adding fresh flowers as not only cake toppers but accents as well, each couple will be purchasing a cake made from scratch, in a licensed, city-registered home kitchen.

As far as her tips for ensuring the unique experience local decorators like her offer, including the complimentary service and extras that come with each order, Wilson recommends booking a free initial consultation and sampling anywhere from 6-18 months in advance, depending when the wedding is being held. Wilson doesn't go by a typical price list either, as she feels that each cake is unique, and a case-by-case pricing strategy fits this idea.

She also said that monogram cake toppers, a popular trend right now, are great keepsakes that can be used for future celebrations from the first to the 50th wedding anniversary.

A different route for ordering a wedding cake is to go through a larger chain bakery, like Hy-Vee or Dil-

lons.

Hy-Vee offers a fairly firm set of cakes styles with similar basic looks and more traditional options. Christina McCoy, cake decorator for Hy-Vee in Manhattan, said the basic price, which is based on how many pieces are served, or "per cutting," includes a simple two- or three-tier square cake with ribbon accents in a chosen color. Additions such as flowers are welcome, but will be used as decoration at an additional charge.

McCoy also offered a different timeline for contacting Hy-Vee to place orders, which could be helpful for couples planning a wedding in a minimal amount of time. She said that couples should meet with their bakery just a month in advance at the latest to design and order their cake.

"A 12-inch cake serves about 50 people depending on how it's cut," said McCoy, who recommends ordering a little more cake than the minimum that might serve each guest if the budget allows. McCoy also said another pro to ordering from Hy-Vee and similar stores is the ability to get an extra sheet cake ordered and decorated even the day before the wedding to accommodate last-minute guests, or to put a worried bride's mind at ease to ensure plenty is left.

McCoy echoed Wilson's experience with choosing silver monograms as cake toppers by putting the bride's and groom's first initial each on one side of a centered initial of the newlyweds last name.

Marley Conine, senior in accounting, has already put together a design for her cake and plans on having her fiance's cousin bake and decorate the cake for their October wedding. Conine needed an alternative to the usual three-tier cake that serves each guest as attendance at her wedding could exceed 500 guests.

She and her fiance decided to go with a smaller tiered cake (complete with a Vera Bradley print-like decoration) to serve the wedding party, but found a good alternative for the other guests.

"We're putting eight-inch round, double-stacked cakes in the center of each table so guests can serve themselves," said Conine.

Simple white cakes topped with flowers will double as centerpieces at each table, so they aren't trying to bake a cake two or three times the average size.

Different circumstances require different resources, but taking into account several factors within ordering a wedding cake will make overall planning easier, and can help you keep a budget (at least for the cake) in check.



Dinsdale – Rinearson

Anne Dinsdale, graduate student in college student personnel, and Sam Rinearson, 2008 Kansas State University graduate in marketing, announce their engagement.

Anne is the daughter of Dr. Robert and Katherine Dinsdale, Lawrence, Kan., and Sam is the son of Dave and LeAnne Rinearson, Olathe, Kan.

They plan a June 5 wedding in Lawrence, Kan.

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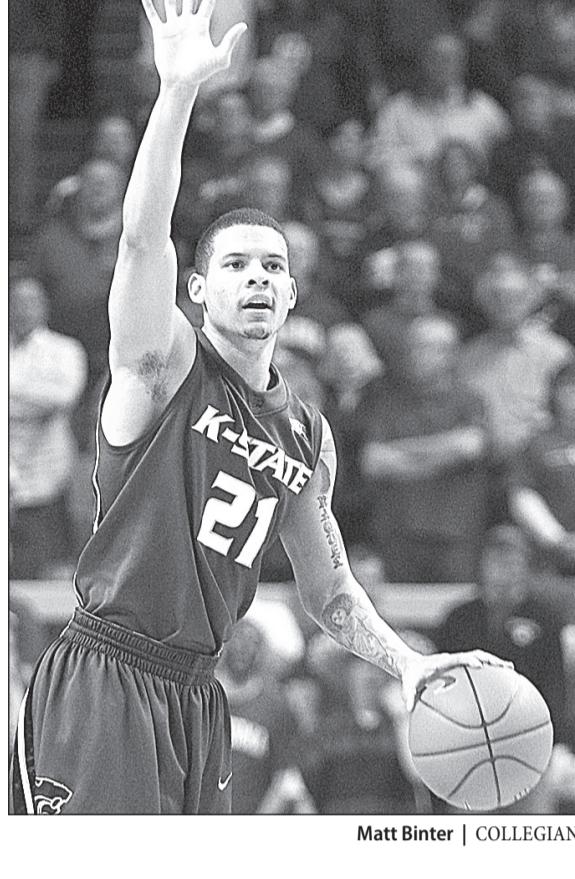
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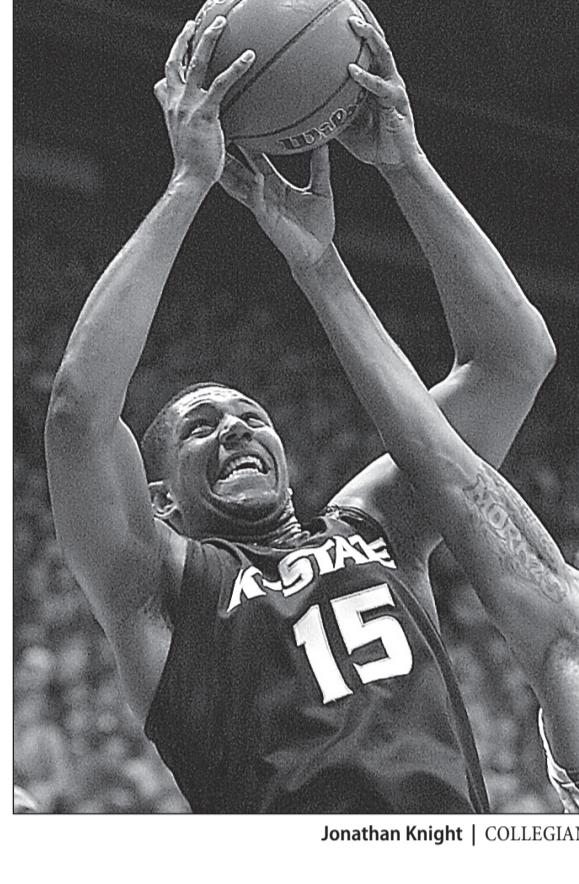
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Seniors to be honored in season's final home game

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

After a 65-82 loss to Kansas in Allen Fieldhouse Wednesday night ended K-State's seven-game win streak, the Wildcats return to Bramlage Coliseum at 5 p.m. Saturday for the final home game of the season against Iowa State.

Senior night will honor guards Denis Clemente and Chris Merriewether and forward Luis Colon as they play their final game in the Octagon of Doom. Merriewether and Colon will graduate as the winningest players in the history of K-State basketball, with 90 wins before Saturday and the subsequent postsea-

"Chris and Luis were amongst that first group of guys that they came in and believed in us, and they followed our lead from day one," Coach Frank Martin said. "Denis came a year after them and he's been phenomenal in his com-

mitment to grow as a player and in his work ethic, just like Luis and Chris. They've meant so much to the growth of our program, those three guys. It's definitely going to be a night of reflection for me."

Family members of all three seniors will be present for the game. The seniors said they could not predict how they will feel as their last game in Bramlage begins, but Colon said it is inevitable.

"It's going to be tough," Colon said. "I've been thinking about it. Things happen; it's part of growing up, and it's meant to be."

Clemente said after this season it will be time to move on to do his own thing, taking care of his family in Puerto Rico. He also said Senior Night will be tough.

"It's going to be emotional a little bit because I know I'm not going to play here anymore," Clemente said. He said he does not want to look back and has

to keep moving forward.

While both Colon and Clemente plan to play basketball professionally after graduating college, Merriewether has a different future ahead – one as a married man and financial analyst for ConocoPhillips in Bartlesville, Okla.

"I've got a lot of things going through my mind right now," Merriewether said. "But at the end of the day, just want to win the game, secure second place for the Big 12 and see if we can make a run at it."

K-State (24-5, 11-4 Big 12 Conference) got into foul trouble early at KU, and the highest-scoring forward was freshman Wally Judge, who had six points. Clemente and junior guard Jacob Pullen scored 21 and 20, respectively, but the team never did get a rhythm going in the post. They also had difficulty defending the Jayhawks, but it helped when the Wildcats switched into

a zone.

Iowa State (14-16, 3-12) last played Missouri in Ames and lost 67-69 in overtime. The Cyclones had five players in double figures. Two of their forwards had double-doubles; Marquis Gilstrap had 15 points and 13 rebounds, and Craig Brackins had 14 points and 10 rebounds. However, they turned the ball over 20 times.

The last time K-State and Iowa State met, back on Feb. 6, the Wildcats came away with a slim 79-75 victory. It was the eighth time in a row K-State has beaten Iowa State, and it took 30 points from Clemente to make it happen. The game included five lead changes and four ties.

Four athletes scored in double figures, including Pullen and forwards Curtis Kelly and Jamar Samuels. The Wildcats outscored the Cyclones 34-22 in the paint.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Wildcats open spring season in Florida tournament Sun.

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

To open the spring segment of the 2009-2010 season, the women's golf team will travel to Orange Park, Fla. to participate in the Eagle Landing Invitational March 7-9.

While the team consists of 10 women, only six travel to each tournament. The ones who earned the trip this weekend are Morgan Moon and Abbi Sunner; seniors, Elise Houtz junior; Paige Osterloo and Amie Storey sophomores, and Hanna Roos, freshman.

Head coach Kristi Knight said the main thing she wants the ladies to do is go in and have confidence. She said golf is a game of good shots and bad shots, and she wants them to know they can recover from the

bad ones.

This will be the team's first time at the Florida course. Knight said she looked at a map of it online but it was not very detailed. She said it probably has more water than what the team is used to at the Colbert Hills Golf Course, but she does not think it will be anything they haven't seen at some other places.

The recent weather has limited the team's time on the course here, but Knight said the women have been working in the weight room with the strength coach. They have also made use of the indoor facility at Colbert Hills, including the putting turf and opening the garage door, which enables them to hit balls out and see the distance. However, Knight said there is

no substitute for playing, so the players have taken advantage of the nice weather this week.

"They're excited," Knight said. "They're looking forward to playing four days in a row, something they haven't gotten to do since November."

Knight said there has been good effort in practice and is pleased and encouraged by what she has seen. While Moon had the lowest stroke average earlier in the season, Knight said she fully expects her to be challenged.

"Everybody has a chance to step up and become that No. 1 player," Knight said. "We have a very competitive team."

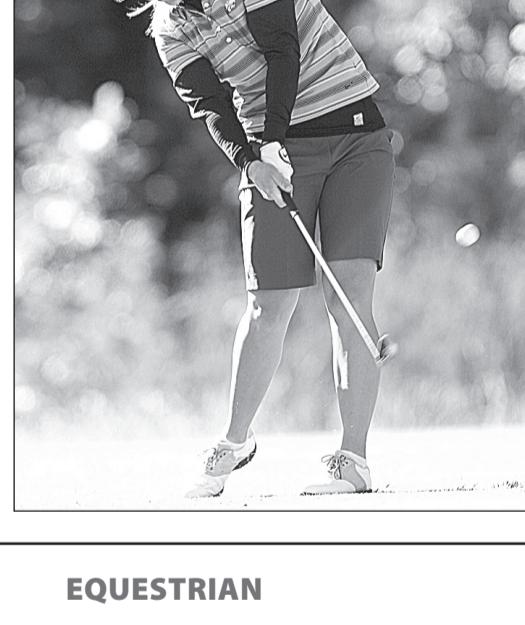
The team has only one tournament in Manhattan each year and that occurs in the fall. Knight said she does not think

that makes it difficult for players.

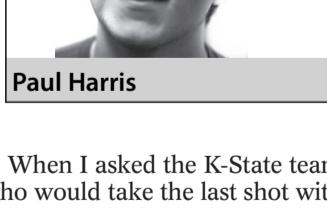
"The nature of our sport is to get out and face different challenges," Knight said. She said she thinks the players understand that team.

The team has as many players from other countries as it has from Kansas, and Knight said it is a lot of fun and that the team has a lot of accents. She said for the American players it is an introduction to different cultures and parts of the world and they help the international athletes adjust and arrange carpooling and such.

Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN
Freshman **Hannah Roos** takes a shot at the Sunflower Invitational on Sept. 28, 2009.



K-State will respond to KU loss



Paul Harris

When I asked the K-State team who would take the last shot with a game on the line, I figured there would be some controversy. But I was mildly surprised.

Sophomore forward Jamar Samuels chose himself and freshman center Jordan Henriquez-Roberts. Wally Judge said he had full faith in everyone of his teammates. Honestly, though, I should not have been surprised at this team's answers. Over months and months of coverage, this team has matured. It has gone from a group of guys who play basketball, to a family who happens to play basketball.

This is why the loss to Kansas is not a concern to me. This team

has rallied before. This is not a different story and I don't doubt that the loss stings. I know it hurts. I know that this team did not win seven straight games in the Big 12 and make it to the top 5 to get beat by double digits in Allen Fieldhouse.

This weekend's Iowa State game will serve as a rallying cry and a nice bookmark for this season. Denis Clemente, Chris Merriewether and Luis Colon will get the proper send out. The family can reconnect and celebrate without many distractions.

Although this team was unable to come away with the victory, there were points in the Kansas game that had to turn cynics into believers. K-State responded after multiple Kansas runs. The team tired out and the shots stopped falling. KU fans have now protected their court for 59 straight games and have a wonderful home court advantage. Take that for what you will.

This K-State team, for the most part, is unflappable. A loss allows

this team to refocus. This team plays much better with a chip. A gigantic blue and red chip sits there currently.

Families do not like getting disrespected. Families do not like being punked. Families do respond well. Families have lots of shoulders to lean on. Families rally. This is why this team will make a dangerous run in March. I know they got beat by Kansas. I know this is the same damned story K-state fans have had to endure since the inception of the Big 12.

But believe you me when I say this team is different. Not different in the fact that they have won 24 games and could win the most games in history of the program, but because of the intangibles. This team has done many firsts this season. Thursday's debacle was a dark cloud.

Mark my words, though. This team is not done with setting firsts.

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EQUESTRIAN

Cats to face No. 1 Georgia on senior day

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The K-State equestrian team could not have chosen a bigger opportunity for a final win from its graduating seniors, but it will not be easy to obtain.

This Saturday, 22 seniors will end their riding careers with No. 6 K-State (4-5) when the school hosts No. 1 University of Georgia (9-1) at Fox Creek Farms and holds a ceremony honoring the seniors.

The four competition disciplines will all feature outgoing riders. In Equitation over Fences, Katie Mellon – who was recently invited to a prestigious competition in Florida – will look to add a win to her 4-2 record with teammate Bridget Doyle. Ashley Collett will take her perfect 2-0 record to compete in Equitation

on the Flat alongside Mellon. For the Western part, the Horsemanship squad will be dominated by seniors, including team captains Alyssa Freeman and Laura Browne. The Reining discipline will also look to a few seniors, like Tara Hallan with her 3-0 record, Morgan Campbell and Kaylee Stout with a combined nine wins.

Georgia has only one loss this season; it dropped its season-opening meet against Texas Christian last September by a score of 9-11. Since then, the Bulldogs have repeatedly earned their title as best in the country with large wins over No. 2 Auburn and No. 3 Texas A&M, and twice over No. 4 South Carolina.

Competition is set for 9 a.m. on Sunday at Fox Creek Farms in Manhattan.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Red Meet

K-State to face undefeated Neb.

Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

Coming off a motivational road victory at Colorado, the women's basketball team will go full throttle when they host No. 3 Nebraska on Senior Night.

It will be an emotional day for seniors Ashley Sweat and Kari Kincaid as they look to make their last home game a promising one.

"After my freshman year and being 12th in the league then winning the conference outright was probably the biggest memory I will have on the court," said Kincaid. "We've also traveled to so many amazing places. Ashley and I would both agree that being a part of Coach [Patterson's] program and experience has been a great opportunity."

K-State (13-16, 5-10) faces a tough, third-ranked Nebraska team (28-0, 15-0) led by senior forward Kelsey Griffin who is averaging nearly 20 points per game - second in the Big 12 - and 10 rebounds.

They have a total of four players averaging double figures. The Huskers are also third in the conference in scoring defense, at 57 points per game.

Patterson expects them to be on top of their game and come in and put up a fight.

"It's going to take a phenomenal effort and performance against Nebraska and we understand that it's the challenge in the Big 12," Patterson said. "Their chemistry and confidence level is extraordinary. When they get behind or in tight situations they truly believe in great leadership to find a way to overcome. The depth and balance of their consistency that they bring is high quality."

The Huskers also lead in scoring offense and margin, but are toward the bottom of the conference in free throw percentage.

On the other hand, the Wildcats are hoping to pull off an upset to give them an extra step into the conference tournament. The last meeting between the

KARI KINCAID



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two teams was on Jan. 23 as Nebraska won the game 71-56.

"They've also expanded their playbook since the last time we played them," Patterson said. "When you're in their position and you're the hunted and you're not getting better every game, you will get knocked off."

Sweat still leads the team in points with 16 per game, while freshman guard Brittany Chambers leads in rebounds with nearly six a game. She also is at the top in free throw percentage (86 percent) and three-

ASHLEY SWEAT



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point field goal percentage (39 percent), respectively.

Kincaid said she hopes the team will surprise some people when the game is all said and done.

"We played with them for 15 - 20 minutes last time. They're a team you have to play with for 40 minutes," Kincaid said. "Hopefully we can go out there and give Nebraska a run for their money and try to shock the world."

Tipoff is scheduled for 12 p.m. tomorrow at Bramlage Coliseum. The game will also be broadcast on K-State Sports Network.

BASEBALL

Cats continue Florida road trip

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

For the baseball team, the state of Florida has become a home away from home.

After spending five days at the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational from Feb. 27 to March 3 in Winter Haven, the Wildcats (6-2) have traveled 85 miles northeast to DeLand, Fla. for the Bright House Invitational.

In its first action in the Sunshine State, K-State earned four wins in five tries. The Wildcats received solid pitching performances from starters Ryan Daniel and Evan Marshall during the tournament. Daniel, one of just three seniors on the team's roster, improved his record to 2-0 and currently owns a 2.45 earned run average, while Marshall, a sophomore, earned his first win of the year and lowered his ERA to 2.57.

K-State scored double-digit runs three times, including a 27-run outburst against Western Michigan on Tuesday. The team was led off-

ensively by infielder Adam Muenster and catcher/designated hitter Blair DeBord. Muenster, a senior, went 11-of-19 and drove in six runs in tournament play. DeBord, a true freshman and product of Manhattan High School, went 9-of-21 and drove in three.

The Wildcats brought an unblemished tournament record into their finale against Villanova, but their bid for perfection came up short as they were handed an 8-5 loss.

K-State will open against tournament host Stetson (3-5) today at 6 p.m. The Wildcats will resume action Saturday when they take on Notre Dame (4-2) at 2 p.m.

K-State will wrap up tournament play on Sunday with a game against Harvard. The Crimson have yet to play a game this season.

The three-day tournament marks the end of a 12-game season opening road trip for the Cats. They open home action with games against Kent State on March 12-14.

Cats look to recover from loss in Tulsa

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

The K-State tennis team looks for redemption after losing a 4-3 match against Wichita State University last weekend.

The team will play in Tulsa, Okla., this weekend against North Texas and Tulsa.

Tulsa has been ranked No. 42 nationally and figures to pose significant competition for the Wildcats, said head coach Steve Bietau.

"Tulsa is right up there with the best we've seen," Bietau said. "They are probably pretty comparable with Iowa."

During last weekend's loss, Anna Huljev, junior, and Nina Sertic, sophomore, paired up once again for a doubles victory. Their win against Wichita State made the

fifth straight win for the duo.

"They will continue to play together," Bietau said. "They've had three awfully strong matches in a row."

He said that the pair have been focused on eliminating errors and have become a very strong duo in doubles competition.

Petra Chuda, sophomore, has shown consistent improvement in singles competition, Bietau said. She has won two matches in a row with solid performance in the past two weeks, he said.

Bietau said he expects Carmen Borau Ramo, freshman, to encounter stronger competition than in the past. That will be beneficial to her, though, he said.

Another freshman, Maryna Chumak, lost her first match last week-

end after winning five in a row. Bietau said the end of her streak did not come in a good way.

"She is going to have to show more in practice before she is in that lineup position again," he said.

Bietau looks at the weekend as a chance to take another step in the right direction ahead of Big 12 Conference play which begins the following weekend. He said he has been reasonably pleased that the team has made improvement every weekend.

"We're making progress," he said. "But it can't be an open-ended thing. We need to beat somebody at some point."

Opportunities await the team in the future and Bietau said the team must be ready to capitalize off those opportunities as they arise.

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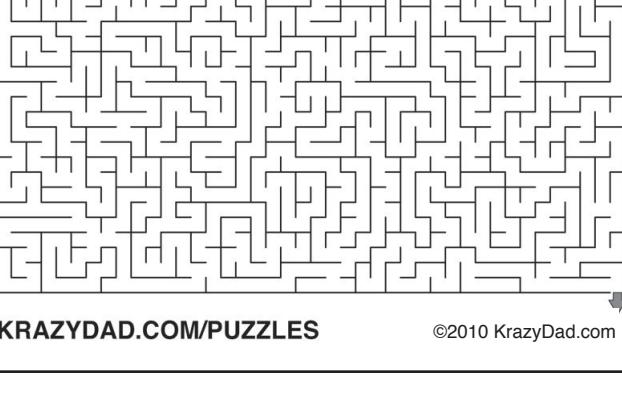
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Fake Patrick's Day a time for drinking, playing games



Chuck Fischer

Fake Patty's Day is coming up and with such large numbers of people going out to their favorite drinking establishment, it is often less hectic to stay at home or a friend's house and play some drinking games. I know that there are so many drinking games and various forms of each game, but here are a few that I enjoy that allow for fun and joyous time to be had by all.

Beer pong: While it does take some room to play and some equipment, this game offers a variety of possible rules. From bounce backs being behind the back to bounce rules and consolidation limitations, the proper etiquette when playing is to have the house rules clearly posted so as to avoid confusion and unnecessary unhappiness. Who really wants a fight ruining the great green day?

Washers: It should be nice out over the weekend so why not go out and celebrate being outdoors while playing some washers. Again, there are numerous versions of this great game. While I have only played it as a drinking game a few times, some rules may be drinking each time the opposing team makes the washer in the hole or if you miss the board entirely, you must drink.

Flip cup: This can be individual or on a team basis. Essentially you drink some beverage from a Solo cup then set it on a table upside down and try to flip it back to the upright position. First person or team to complete this task, harder than it sounds, wins. Pretty easy to play and get many people involved. Do be aware of that there will be beverages spilled as the cups are not perfectly dry when they get turned over; not a good idea to play flip cup on a nice table.

Card games: From Circle of Death to

Indian Poker, the sky is the limit when it comes to card games. Things to keep in mind are that just like beer pong, everybody has different rules for every game. Again, follow whatever rules are established by the people who live in or own the building you are at. Also, it's good to keep a few extra decks on hand in the event of a major party foul causing the cards to become doased.

Television games: This can become very entertaining and has a great potential of getting many people very drunk. The premise of television drinking games is to set up a situation then drink every time that situation occurs. This can range from taking a drink for every foul in a basketball games to taking a shot for every swear word in a movie. This general idea could also be done with music and swear words.

Quarters: This game is all about skill and having a decent alcohol tolerance. Making the quarter bounce off the table into a predetermined glass means you get to hand out a drink to anyone else playing. Three in a row equals a rule. These rules often lead to loads of laughs and more drinking because they are often forgotten. There is only one good way to avoid becoming really drunk while playing this game: practice, practice, practice. The more you make, the less you have to drink and the drunker the other players they get, making it harder for them to make it. It's a win-win situation when you really think about it.

These are definitely not the only games out there to help you enjoy your drinking experiences. For more games or ideas for games, use that great internet tool called *Google.com*. If you can, find something fun to play, then you are not looking hard enough. Don't be afraid to try different games that you have never played before. Always remember to have a designated driver and don't drink if underaged. The police kind of frown upon underage drinking. Plus, your parents probably don't want to come bail you out of jail before church.

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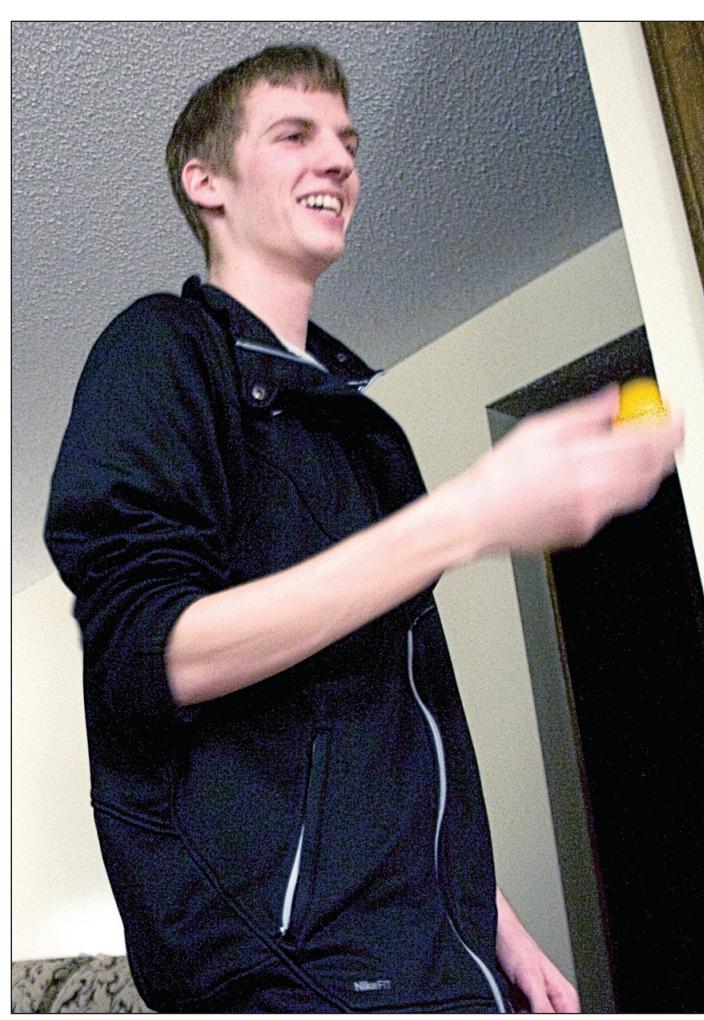
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Joshua Edwin Vanburkleo, junior in engineering, prepares to take his shot in a beer pong game at a friend's house in February.

Beer Pong: a history, a tradition

Katy Schultz | COLLEGIAN

Upon hearing the term, "Beirut," few college students think of Lebanon's capitol city, but rather Beer Pong. According to a 2007 College-Humor survey, over three quarters of the voters claimed they call the game Beer Pong instead of Beirut. Many claim the two are synonymous, however, the purists state the two require different strategies because Beirut is traditionally played with paddles. Beer Pong does not have a paddle and, therefore, requires less skill because there is more control over the ping-pong ball. We all know of the game, and have at least slight knowledge of how it works, but the origin is somewhat a mystery.

There are a few versions of how the trend was started. One version claims the game was made popular, if not created, by the Theta Delta Chi fraternity at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania in 1983. The name "Beirut" is derived from a bombing on American Marines in Beirut, Lebanon by the Hezbollah terrorist group, killing 241 soldiers.

The fraternity's president, Duane Kotsen, said in 1985 the name is an "analogy between the ping-pong balls flying across the

table and landing on the opponent's side and an idea that the U.S. should bomb Beirut as a result of the casualties in the area."

The fraternity spread the game to other fraternities on campus and other campuses nearby, the game eventually becoming nationwide.

However, the Sigma Nu fraternity at Lehigh claims to be the original fraternity who popularized the modern version of the game when their paddles broke and instead had to lob the balls across the table with their hands.

However it was created, the current popularity of Beer Pong is enormous. Leagues and bar-hosted tournaments run rampant across the U.S. and into Canada. Businesses are getting in on the action by selling tables, balls, cups and racks to make play easier and add a bit of a spin on the traditional game.

An excess of versions developed at universities around the country with discrepancies in cup arrangement, rules and method of toss. These rules vary from host to host, with some basic rules of thumb, and players are obliged to abide by those rules when guests. Some players manage to find their own flare when playing.

When it comes to Beer Pong, Ian Hartsook, senior in interior design, said he always has the same partner, Andrew Leonard, senior in mathematics.

"We're not very good, but we have a signature move," Hartsook said. "We call it the Shake and Bake. Unfortunately, it only works once before the other team catches on."

Hartsook and Leonard don't play often, Leonard said they've only played twice this year, but many students at K-State make it their primary weekend activity, Fake Patty's Day weekend not being an exception.

Last year, 42 citations were handed out by the RCPD for minor consumption or open container in public. The RCPD will definitely be busier than normal this weekend, but other than having a higher concentration of police in and around Aggieville and the Kansas Highway Patrol on lookout, there's not much the RCPD can do to preemptively stop crime.

So do your pong-host and the Riley County Police a favor and follow the rules.

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